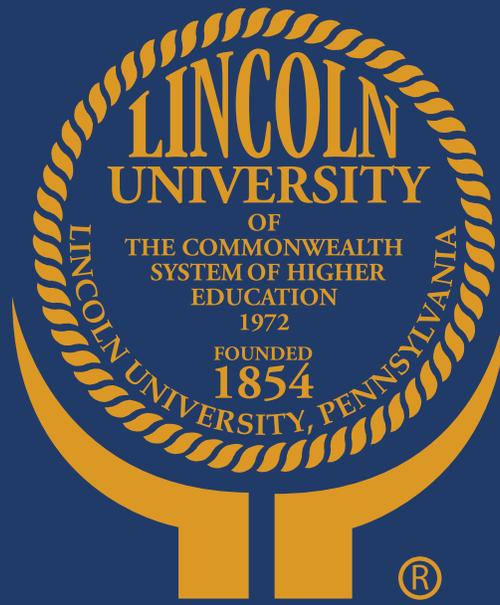


Lincoln University



159th Commencement

Sunday, May 6, 2018

10:00 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Lincoln University Graduates and Families,

On behalf of the entire university family, I am pleased to extend sincerest congratulations to you, the Class of 2018. We applaud your dedication and determination to earn a degree. We are certain that your years at Lincoln have prepared you well for the world beyond the arches. We wish you nothing but continued success as you depart to take on the world.

I also extend heartfelt thanks to the parents, guardians, families, and friends of the Class of 2018. Thank you for entrusting us with the humbling responsibility of sharing in the personal and intellectual enhancement of these graduates. While they sit in the seats of honor and receive their treasured diplomas, this graduation belongs to you as well. I know your support has been invaluable to their success.

Graduates, you are forever the sons and daughters of this great institution. Your alma mater is proud of your accomplishments. We know that you will carryforward our legacy of excellence in all that you do.

You entered to learn — you are now liberated and ready to lead.

Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brenda A. Allen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brenda A. Allen '81
President

A LEGACY OF PRODUCING LEADERS

Since its founding in 1854, Lincoln University, the nation's first degree-granting Historically Black College and University (HBCU), has been internationally recognized for its commitment to excellence in scholarship and service. Lincoln University graduates have distinguished themselves in many fields including medicine, science, theology, education, law, and the arts. In addition to our more visible graduates – Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall '30, poet and playwright Langston Hughes '29, the first president of Nigeria, Nnamdi Azikiwe '30, and the first president of Ghana, Kwame Nkrumah '39 – Lincoln University and its graduates have achieved the following additional distinctions: participated in the founding of eight universities in the United States and the model for the U.S. Peace Corps, and published the first alumni magazine of any college or university (1884). Lincoln graduates also include the first African American Bishop of the United Methodist Church, Roy C. Nichols '41, and the first African American female rear admiral in the U.S. Navy, Lillian Fishburne '71.

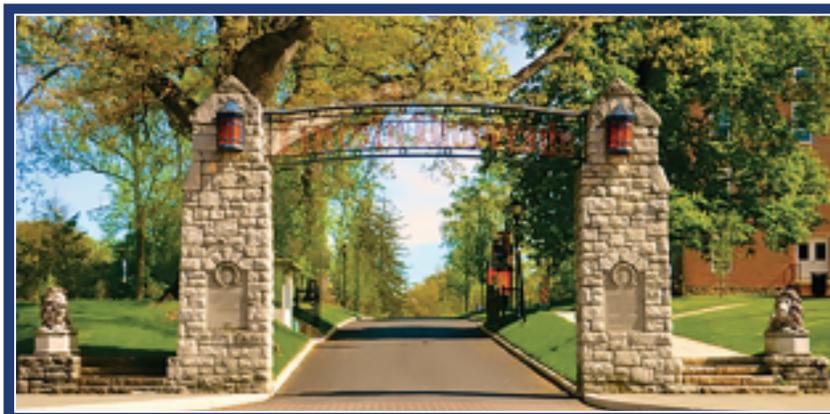
The University's beginnings can be traced back with recognition to its founder, Presbyterian Minister John Miller Dickey; his wife, Sarah Emlen Cresson; and the first two students, James Ralston Amos and his brother, Thomas H. Amos. Lincoln University was initially chartered as Ashmun Institute in honor of Jehudi Ashmun, the first governor of Liberia, and renamed Lincoln University in 1866 after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Since its inception,

Lincoln has attracted an interracial and international enrollment from the surrounding community and region, and around the world. The University admitted women students in 1952, and formally associated with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1972 as a state-related, coeducational university. Lincoln University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Lincoln University has had 14 presidents in its distinguished history with President Brenda A. Allen currently at the helm. They include Dickey (1854-56); John Pym Carter (1856-61); John Wynne Martin (1861-65); Isaac Norton Rendall (1865-1906); John Ballard Rendall (1906- 24); William Hallock Johnson (1926-36); Walter Livingston Wright (1936-45); Horace Mann Bond (1945-57); Marvin Wachman (1961- 69); Herman Russell Branson 1970-85); Niara Sudarkasa (1987-98); Ivory V. Nelson (1999-2011); Robert R. Jennings (2012-14); and Brenda A. Allen (July 2017-present).

Lincoln University's historic campus is located on 422 acres in Southern Chester County, Pennsylvania. Currently, Lincoln also operates an additional location at 3020 Market Street in Philadelphia.

Lincoln University remains committed to preserving its distinction as an intellectual and cultural resource for this region.



ORDER OF CEREMONY

Presiding

Brenda A. Allen, Ph.D., '81
President, Lincoln University

Prelude

Lincoln University Symphonic Band
Timothy Chambers, Director of Bands

***Processional**

Pomp and Circumstance No. 1
Composed by Edward Elgar
Arranged by James Ployhar
Lincoln University Symphonic Band

Invocation

Rev. Frederick T. Faison, Ed.D.
University Chaplain

Opening Remarks

President Allen

Greetings

Theresa R. Braswell '84
Chairlady, Board of Trustees

Musical Selection

Lift Every Voice and Sing – Composed by John R. Johnson / Written by James W. Johnson / arr. Sarjeant
LU Concert Choir and Symphonic Band
Camilla Horne, Ph.D., Director of Choral Activities

Musical Selection

Emblem of Unity Concert March by J.J. Richards / Edited by James Swearingen
LU Symphonic Band

Introduction of Valedictorian

Patricia Pierce Ramsey, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Valedictory Address

Prisca C. Obidike

Musical Selection

Glory
Composed by John Legend with Common
Performed by Lincoln University Concert Choir
John Legend solo – *Thomas Nash*
Rapping sections – *Deiondre' Brown*

Introduction of Speaker

Gionelly Mills '18
President, Student Government Association

Commencement Address

Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.
Congresswoman
12th Congressional District of North Carolina

**Audience rises.*
+Audience remains in place until
recessional is completed.

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Reading of Citation
Christina Kerns, MFA
Assistant Professor, Department of Visual and Performing Arts

Doctor of Humane Letters
Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.
Congresswoman, 12th Congressional District of North Carolina

Reading of Citation
Emmanuel Babatunde, Ph.D.
Professor & Chair, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice

Doctor of Humane Letters
Sheila L. Oliver '74
Lieutenant Governor, State of New Jersey

Reading of Citation
D. Zizwe Poe, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of History, Political Science & Philosophy

Doctor of Humane Letters
Vincent J. Hughes
Senator, 7th Senatorial District in Pennsylvania

Reading of Citation
Claude M. Tameze, Ph.D.
Associate Professor & Chair, Department of Mathematical Sciences

Doctor of Sciences
James A. Donaldson, Ph.D., '61
Professor Emeritus, Mathematics, Howard University

Presentation of Candidates and Conferral of Degrees

President Allen and Provost Ramsey

Patricia A. Joseph, Ph.D.
Dean

Induction into the Alumni Association of Lincoln University

Meta H. Timmons, DVM, '79
President, Alumni Association of Lincoln University

Closing Remarks

President Allen

*Alma Mater
Words by A. Dennee Bibb, 1911

*Benediction
Rev. Dr. Faison

+Recessional
Regal Procession

Composed by Clifton Williams
Lincoln University Symphonic Band

*Audience rises.
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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER – HONORARY DEGREE



Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*
Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.
12th Congressional District of North Carolina

Dr. Alma S. Adams was elected to her second term representing the 12th Congressional District of North Carolina on November 8, 2016. After winning a special election in November 2014, Congresswoman Adams was sworn in immediately as the 100th woman elected to the 113th Congress. Representative Adams sits on the Committee on Education and the Workforce, the Agriculture Committee, the Small Business Committee, and the Joint Economic Committee. She currently serves in several leadership positions including Assistant Whip for the Democratic Caucus, Vice Ranking Member of the Small Business Committee, and ranking member of the Small Business Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulation. The Congresswoman is the founder of the first ever Congressional

Bipartisan HBCU Caucus and she is part of the Women’s Caucus, Diabetes Caucus, Congressional Black Caucus, Progressive Education Caucus, Historic Preservation Caucus, AIDS/HIV Caucus, Hunger Caucus, Medicaid Expansion Caucus, and the Art Caucus.

Throughout her career, Representative Adams has promoted quality education for all students, spearheading legislation to boost funds for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, providing nutritious breakfasts in schools and supporting increased pay for teachers. For 40 years, Dr. Adams taught art history at Bennett College. While at Bennett, she led the effort to increase student civic participation coining the phrase “Bennett Belles are Voting Belles” and organizing annual marches to the polls. As a former educator, Rep. Adams has dedicated her career to improving the lives of young people and her community.

In 1994, Dr. Adams was appointed by her peers to serve in the North Carolina House District 58 seat. She went on to serve ten terms in the state House. During her tenure, she rose to become the chair of the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus and was instrumental in passing legislation that improved the climate for quality affordable health care in the state. Representative Adams also pioneered the Displaced Homemakers Bill and successfully spearheaded the state’s first minimum wage increase in nine years.

Before serving as a member of the North Carolina General Assembly, Congresswoman Adams served nine years on the Greensboro City Council. Throughout her service to the second district in Greensboro, Dr. Adams worked to create safe and affordable housing and the revitalization of neighborhoods. She began her political career in the 1980s by becoming the first African American woman ever elected to the Greensboro City School Board. It was then that she made a lifetime commitment to effecting social change in her community and beyond.

Congresswoman Adams has one daughter, Linda Jeanelle Lindsay, one son Billy E. Adams II, and four grandchildren, Joslyn Lindsay; Aaron Lindsay, Billy E. Adams III, and Miracle Sumner. Adams graduated from North Carolina A&T State University in 1968 and received her master’s degree in art education in 1972. She earned her Ph.D. in art education and multicultural education from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, in 1981.

HONORARY DEGREE



Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

The Honorable Sheila Oliver '74

Lieutenant Governor, State of New Jersey

Lt. Gov. Sheila Oliver, a native of Newark, New Jersey, attended the Newark Public School System, graduating from Weequahic High School. She entered Lincoln University and earned a bachelor's degree, cum laude, in sociology, then obtained a Master of Science degree from Columbia University in New York in community organization, planning and administration.

She began her career working in municipal government, serving as the director of the Office of Youth Services and Special Projects for the City of Newark, within the Mayor's Office of Employment and Training. She was responsible for developing strategic plans to prepare youth 14 – 21 for entry into post-secondary education and entry into the workforce, developing

Requests for Proposals and funding employment and training organizations to deliver program services.

A decade later, Lt. Gov. Oliver became the development director for The Newark Literacy Campaign, while working at Caldwell College as the coordinator of career guidance within the Educational Opportunity Fund Program. For several years, she worked on several college campuses, teaching classes in achievement motivation, non-profit management, and pre-college preparation. During this time, Lt. Gov. Oliver served as a consultant to a variety of non-profit organizations to provide training in board and program development; grantsmanship and financial management, and spent several years as the director of the Essex County Division of Community Action, an anti-poverty initiative established by the federal government.

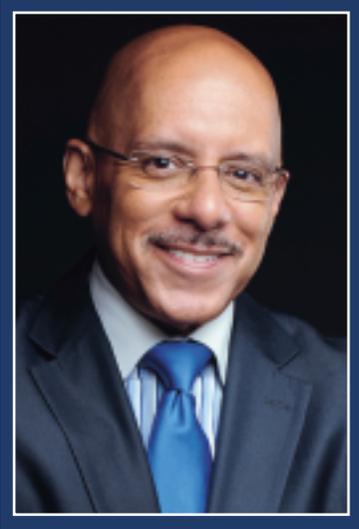
In 1996, Lt. Gov. Oliver became an Essex County Freeholder, and served on the Board of Chosen Freeholders until 1999. Lt. Gov. Oliver has spent a significant number of years serving on the boards of voluntary nonprofit organizations, including but not limited to East Orange General Hospital Board of Trustees; the United Way; the Newark Coalition for Neighborhoods; the East Orange Board of Education; the Newark Collaboration Group; the Rutgers-Newark Educational Opportunity Fund Advisory Council; the Global Women's Leadership Collaborative of NJ; the Essex County and East Orange Committees on the Status of Women; Programs for Parents; and a number of other community-based entities. She has held membership in the Women's Political Caucus of NJ, the NAACP and the Urban League.

Lt. Gov. Oliver was elected to the NJ General Assembly in 2003 and began to serve her first term in 2004, representing District 34, which currently includes East Orange, Orange, Montclair and Clifton. The district previously contained Glen Ridge and Woodland Park. During her tenure in the General Assembly, she chaired the Human Services Committee, and served on the Labor, Higher Education, Women and Children, Commerce and Economic Development, and Transportation and Independent Authorities committees.

She also served on the Joint Committee on the Public Schools and the Economic Justice and Equal Employment Opportunity. In 2010, the Lt. Gov. became the Speaker of the General Assembly, and served as Speaker until 2014. She became only the second woman in New Jersey's 300-year history to serve as Speaker, and the second African-American woman in the United States to lead a legislative house, following Congresswoman Karen Bass, who served as Speaker in California.

During her tenure as Speaker, she was active in the National Speakers Association, the State Legislative Leaders Conference, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and Women In Government. Lt. Gov. Oliver has resided in the City of East Orange for over 40 years.

HONORARY DEGREE



Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

Senator Vincent J. Hughes

7th Senatorial District in Pennsylvania

Senator Vincent J. Hughes is a leading progressive voice on local, state, and national issues. He was elected by his colleagues in 2010 to be the Democratic Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He has been a member of the Pennsylvania Senate for over 20 years, first elected to represent the 7th Senatorial District in 1994. Senator Hughes served as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1987 to 1994. During that time, he was the chair of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus from 1991 to 1994.

As a key member of the Democratic leadership team in the Senate, Senator Hughes has been a champion on major policy issues such as expanding healthcare for low-income workers, raising the minimum wage, defending the right to vote, fighting for increased funding for public education, and rebuilding PA's distressed communities. As Democratic Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Hughes also plays a major role in developing Pennsylvania's annual budget of over \$30 billion and guiding the state's spending priorities.

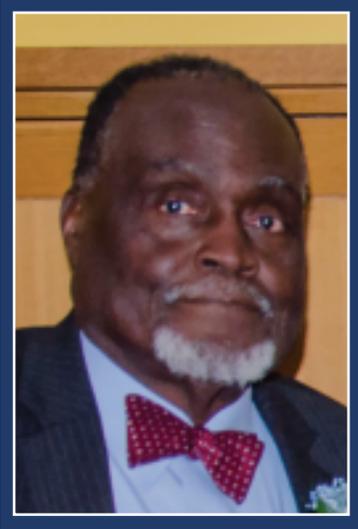
Senator Hughes was a leader in the fight for the full implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Pennsylvania. The centerpiece and final part of this struggle was the successful implementation of Medicaid Expansion, which is providing health insurance to over 500,000 low income working people who previously could not afford to purchase coverage on their own.

Senator Hughes has recently received national attention for his bold proposal for universal voter registration. Under his legislation, all eligible individuals who interact with state government—such as getting a driver's license, accessing social services, or obtaining a hunting permit— would automatically be added to the voter rolls. This unique bill goes further than any other legislation in the country to expand the right to vote and increase voter participation.

Senator Hughes has also been recognized both locally and nationally for his work on HIV/AIDS, and the challenges of mental/behavioral health in the African-American community. His commitment to creating access to college is demonstrated through his service on the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency and the Cheyney University Council of Trustees. Senator Hughes and his family have also established the James Hughes Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of his late father. The fund has given out more than \$1 million in scholarships to over 400 students.

In all of his work, which has taken him across the state and around the world, Senator Hughes is staunchly committed to the progress of his 7th Senatorial District, which encompasses portions of Philadelphia and Montgomery County. Senator Vincent Hughes is a member of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, and is supported by his loving wife, actress, entertainer and activist Sheryl Lee Ralph, and their blended family of four children.

HONORARY DEGREE



Doctor of Sciences, *honoris causa*

James A. Donaldson, Ph.D., '61

Professor Emeritus, Mathematics, Howard University
Alumnus and Former Interim President of Lincoln University

Dr. James A. Donaldson earned a bachelor's degree from Lincoln University in 1961. He received a master of science degree in mathematics in 1963 and a doctorate in mathematics in 1965 — both from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign — after writing his thesis in differential equations under the supervision of Professor Ray G. Langebartel. His interests in differential equations have continued and his research publications include numerous papers in analysis, differential equations, and applied mathematics. He has lectured widely on his research in North America, Africa, Asia, and Europe.

Other interests of Dr. Donaldson include the history of mathematics, mathematics education, and the training of mathematics teachers. It is Dr. Donaldson's view that the manner in which mathematics is presented to undergraduate students is pushing away many potential mathematics students. Also, he observes that many students enter college devoid of fundamental mathematical skills normally taught in high school. To correct this problem, he believes that mathematics departments must play a greater role in training mathematics teachers and developing mathematics curricula.

Following appointments at Southern University (summers of 1964, 1965, and 1966), Howard University (1965-1966), the University of Illinois at Chicago (1966-1971), and the University of New Mexico (1969-1971), he returned to Howard University in 1971. He has held visiting positions at The Courant Institute of Mathematical Science, the University of Victoria (British Columbia, Canada), the University of Ferrara (Italy), and Duke University.

During his tenure as chairman (1972-1990), the Howard University Mathematics Department underwent a transformation ushering in a strong research program that justified the development and inauguration of the first and only Ph.D. degree program at an African American University. This program has become a major producer in America of African American holders of a Ph.D. degree in mathematics.

Dr. Donaldson has served as a member of committees in several professional mathematics and science organizations. He has held national offices in several professional organizations: member of the Council of the American Mathematical Society, second vice president of the Mathematical Association of America, and editor of the newsletter of the National Association of Mathematicians. He has served as a consultant to the National Science Foundation, the National Research Council, the Sloan Foundation, the Educational Testing Service, several state boards of Education, many mathematics departments, and the D.C. public school system.

Dr. Donaldson served as interim president of Lincoln University (Fall 1998). He is a former president of the Alumni Association of Lincoln University, and a former member of the Lincoln University Board of Trustees. Dr. Donaldson has endowed two Lincoln University scholarships: The Audrey Brown Donaldson Endowed Scholarship and The James A. "Moose" Parker Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

DEGREE CANDIDATES

MASTER'S DEGREES

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Early Childhood Education and Special Education

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General Science

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Malik Emelio McMillan	Harlem, NY

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Tyler Armand Davis
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De'Shawn Jameed Frazier**
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Baltimore, MD
Waldorf, MD

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Nile Isis Anna Garner
Nnamdi Ezenwa Ihejirika
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The pageantry of commencement exercises dates from the Middle Ages and the traditions of Europe's first universities. The origins of academic attire are obscure, but the ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of a cleric. The gown appears to be an adaptation of the robe of a priest or friar; the hood and the mortarboard evolved from the cowl and skullcap worn by monks and friars. The gowns, hoods, and caps are different for each degree level – bachelor, master, and doctoral.

GOWN

The bachelor's gown is a yoked, closed-front garment with long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown can be worn open or closed and has long sleeves, usually closed but slit above the elbow to allow the forearm to protrude. Gowns for the bachelor's and master's degrees are untrimmed. The doctoral gown has full, bell-shaped sleeves and is trimmed with velvet panels down the front with three velvet bars on each sleeve. Although black velvet is proper trimming for all doctoral gowns, the color of the velvet panels and bars is sometimes varied to indicate the academic discipline in which the degree was earned. For the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree, the dark blue color is used to represent the mastery of learning and scholarship in any field and is not intended to represent the field of philosophy.

HOOD

The hood is worn around the neck and drapes down the back. It varies in length from three feet for the bachelor's hood to four feet for the doctoral hood. Only the doctoral hood shall have panels at the sides. The hood is lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. Thus, the hoods of graduates of Lincoln University are orange and blue. The edging of the hood is velvet or velveteen and may be either black or the color that corresponds to the academic discipline. Lincoln University uses white for the Bachelor of Arts, gold for the Bachelor of Science and the Master of Science degrees, light blue for the Master of Education, and citron for the Master of Arts.

TASSEL

An integral part of the headdress, the tassel varies widely in its use and color. The doctor usually wears a gold tassel, although black is acceptable. Tassel colors often correspond to the color of the academic discipline. At Lincoln University, the black is used for the master's degree and the school colors, orange and blue, are used for the bachelor's tassel.

CAP

The mortarboard cap is generally recommended. The soft tam is reserved for the doctoral degree.

COLORS

Although there is variation among different universities, the following colors are common: science - gold; education - light blue; the arts and humanities - white; human services and social work - citron.

MEDALLION

The ceremonial medallion, worn by the University president during Commencement and other academic ceremonies, features the Lincoln University seal. The name of each Lincoln University president is inscribed on an individual plate around the chain.

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The ceremonial mace is a highly ornamented staff of metal and wood that is carried by the marshal ahead of the president and platform-party dignitaries during Commencement and other academic ceremonies to represent authority. Lincoln University's mace features the University seal. The practice dates back to the medieval times when knights carried maces during processions for kings.



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Lift every voice and sing,
till earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise,
high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Alma Mater

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Dear Lincoln, Dear Lincoln,
To Thee we'll e'er be true.
The golden hours we spent beneath
The dear old Orange and Blue,
Will live for e'er in memory,
As guiding stars through life;
For thee, our Alma Mater dear,
We'll rise in our might.
For we love ev'ry inch of thy sacred soil,
Ev'ry tree on thy campus green;
And for thee with our might
We will ever toil
That thou mightest be supreme.
We'll raise thy standard to the sky,
Midst glory and honor to fly.
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We will live for thee anew,
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Hail! Hail! Lincoln.